

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of urea granules in a fluid-bed granulator comprising the steps of: ~~by using at least one feeding device to feed~~
 - (a) feeding a film of a urea melt from at least one feeding device in the form of a film to a fluidized bed of solid urea nuclei, and
 - (b) bringing the solid urea nuclei into contact with the film of the urea melt so as to cause the ~~upon which the~~ nuclei to grow by solidification of the urea melt thereon to form the urea granules, wherein ~~on the nuclei,~~ ~~characterized in that~~the urea melt and the urea granules contain amounts of biuret and water ~~in the urea melt and in the urea granules which~~ fulfill the following relation

$$\frac{b_m \cdot b_g}{w_m \cdot (w_m - w_g)} = 0.1-20$$

wherein

b_m = the % by weight of biuret in the urea melt

b_g = the % by weight of biuret in the urea granules

w_m = the % by weight of water in the urea melt

w_g = the % by weight of water in the urea granules.

2. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the value of the quotient in the relation is 0.1 – 10.
3. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein value of the quotient in the relation is 0.2 – 5.

4. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the urea melt is obtained in and/or downstream of an evaporator.
5. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the urea melt is obtained by using two evaporators arranged in series, with part of the urea melt leaving the first evaporator being fed to the second evaporator and part of the urea melt leaving the first evaporator being combined with the urea melt leaving the second evaporator.
6. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ which comprises adding water ~~is added~~ to the urea melt between the evaporator and the feeding device to obtain the urea melt.
7. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ which comprises adding a biuret-rich stream ~~is added~~ between the evaporator and the feeding device to obtain the urea melt.
8. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a vessel is present between the evaporator and the feeding device in which the urea melt is obtained.
9. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the temperature of the urea melt is raised between the evaporator and the feeding device to obtain the urea melt.
10. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein step (a) is practiced by feeding the urea melt ~~[[is fed]]~~ to the fluidized bed in the form of a virtually closed conical film.
11. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one feeding device comprises ~~devices comprise~~ a central conduit for

- feeding the urea melt to the fluid-bed granulator and a conduit concentric with the central conduit through which a gas stream is delivered.
12. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the velocity of wherein~~ the urea melt has a velocity when exiting ~~[[the]]~~ a central channel of the at least one feeding device ~~[[is]]~~ of between 10 and 25 m/s.
 13. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the fluidized bed is fluidized by a gas stream, and wherein the urea melt is fed to the fluid-bed in a higher place than the gas stream.
 14. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the fluidized bed is fluidized by a gas stream, and wherein the gas stream ~~has~~ is applied with a velocity of 50-400 m/s and ~~[[, under]]~~ a feed pressure of 0.11-0.74 MPa.
 15. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein the fluidized bed is fluidized by a gas stream, and wherein a weight ratio of the gas stream to the urea melt is 0.2-0.6.
 16. (new) Process according to claim 1, wherein the fluid-bed granulator is fluidized by a gas stream which causes the nuclei to penetrate the film and to thereby be moistened with the urea melt.
 17. (new) Process according to claim 16, wherein step (a) includes forming a substantially closed conical film of the urea melt from the at least one feeding device.
 18. (new) Process according to claim 17, wherein step (a) includes imparting rotation to the urea melt to obtain the substantially closed conical film thereof.